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POINTS—	Match	33	N. Fox	1967-8
	Season	407	N. Fox	1961-2
GOALS—	Match	12	N. Fox	1967-8
	Season	163	N. Fox	1961-2
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BACK IN ACTION

After a month without a home game, we are happy to be back in action this afternoon and we have great pleasure in welcoming our friends from Oldham as our guests.

In the later 1940's and throughout the 1950's Oldham and Trinity were quite regular opponents in league football but more recently fixture arrangements have kept us apart. It is, in fact, eight seasons ago that we last met . . . back in 1962-63 when after defeating these men in Red and White by 15-3 at Watersheddings, we went down by 19-12 in the return game here at Belle Vue.

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Trinity: Round; Smith F., Greenwood, Bell, Mann; Rollin, Holliday; Wilkinson, Kosanovic, Firth, Vines, Sampson, Haigh.

Oldham, who came occupying bottom place in the 1st Division table, scored three tries through Holdon (2) and Sims with Patterson kicking five goals. Trinity, who were unable to call on Fox and Turner (playing for Great Britain in France), replied with two tries from Kosanovic and Bell with three goals from Round.

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1970-71 Season					Full Totals			
Full-backs	App.	G.	T.	Pts.	App	G.	T.	Pts.
G. Cooper	6	0	1	3	118	0	23	69
G. Wraith	16	2	2	10	100	14	17	79
Three-quarters :								
K. Slater	16	1	12	38	75	3	58	179
I. Brooke	6	0	8	24	170	0	66	198
N. Fox	15	59	4	130	456	1501	242	3728
J. Hegarty	12	0	6	18	12	0	6	18
J. Marston	9	0	5	15	22	0	5	15
K. Batty	12	0	2	6	174	0	76	228
T. Crook	7	2	1	7	24	4	4	20
E. McDonagh	10	0	5	15	23	0	10	30
Half-backs :								
D. Topliss	18	0	11	33	61	0	28	84
J. Bonnar	10	0	7	21	59	0	18	54
B. Ward	5	17	1	37	24	37	5	89
K. Harkin	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
E. Holmes	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Forwards :								
D. Jeanes	16	0	3	9	101	0	19	57
T. Hill	14	1	3	11	79	3	9	33
P. Barlow	9	0	0	0	15	0	1	3
T. Ramshaw	14	0	0	0	64	0	9	27
R. Oswald	15	0	3	9	15	0	3	9
B. West	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
G. Ballantyne	3	0	1	3	19	0	2	6
M. Morgan	4	0	3	9	33	0	6	18
D. Hawley	14	0	2	6	133	0	17	54
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Jim joined Trinity in 1945, became an immediate occupier of the No. 10 role in our side which reached the semi-final of the League Championship and won the R.L. Cup at Wembley.

He was also a member of our 1946 Yorks. Cup winning team, and the 1947 side which retained it. In all, Jim's career with us covered 220 games from 1945 until 1953 . . . and held tremendous value both in consistency and endeavour.

We are happy to find him still active in the R.L. game, now on the management side, and to welcome him 'back home' this afternoon after such a long absence.

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Here is the first of our 'Quiz Time' features aimed at testing your expert knowledge of the Rugby League game. The answers can be found on page 17.

(1) How many players can take part in the "play-the-ball?"

(2) What distance must the acting half-back be behind the man playing the ball?"

COMING EVENTS

Supporters are asked to note that our home game against Blackpool Borough, scheduled for Saturday, 12th December, has been altered to the following afternoon — SUNDAY, 13th DECEMBER, kick-off 3 p.m.

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Our 'A' team will be in action on this ground next Friday evening, kick-off 7.30, when Dewsbury 'A' will form the opposition.

LOOKING AT OLDHAM

Oldham come to us this afternoon as one of the three sides who last season finished in the bottom half of the league and have risen to gain a place amongst the top 12 N.R.L. clubs in the current table.

Trinity and Workington are the other two sides who have risen to challenge with Oldham after finishing in 21st and 25th berth respectively last term.

Oldham ended last season in the berth immediately above bottom club Blackpool, having won only six of their 34 matches. That had been a severe drop from their previous season's final place of 16th with 18 victories.

The Lancashiremen have had to drag themselves up from that lowest-ever position (with lack of support on the terraces and the financial worries that go with it) and to date their progress must have brought some encouragement with hopes of even better progress ahead.

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2 Slater 3 Marston 4 Fox 5 McDonagh

Half backs

6 Topliss 7 Bonnar

Front row forwards

8 Jeanes 9 Hill 10 Kelley

Second row forwards

11 Ramshaw 12 Valentine

Loose forward

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Half backs

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Gates which had slumped to a few hundreds have improved, although by no means sufficiently. After their game here today we wish Oldham well in their efforts to return to some of their former glories. It is far too long ago that they were a power in the game . . . with their Championship sides and three successive Lancashire Cup winning finals. May such days return in the not too distant future, for the benefit of the R.L. game in general, and particularly for these founder members of the Northern Union who will be celebrating their centenary in 1972.

THE PASSING SCENE

Since our last issue things have been happening, perhaps not quite that what we would have desired. In spite of Great Britain's wins against Australia, New Zealand and France in the World Cup series, the deciding final match at Headingley was won by Australia in what can hardly be described as an exposition of what is best in our game.

This was a match which offered evidence of the strains on players which these "big" games so often cause. For the spectator much depends on how he likes his football. When the defences are so keen there can be so much to admire in copy-book tackling but there is so much less chance of the flowing attack work which is so attractive.

But these games are the occasions, whatever may be offered in them, which are expected to draw the crowds. From this point of view it is probable that they have satisfied nobody. Indeed, in most of them the empty spaces on the terraces suggested an indifference on the part of the public which can only be rather disheartening. But

therein lies further evidence, if any were needed, of something to be done to win back the crowds which will put our clubs on a sounder footing. However optimistic we may be, it has to be faced that there appears to be a hard road ahead.

CHANGE

One matter which has often caused spectators a measure of dissatisfaction is the emphasis which has in recent times been placed on the dropped goal. The value of this score has for long been questioned. When a side scoring a majority of tries loses the game through its opponents' total of goals, it seems that justice has hardly been done.

So now, after this season, the value of this kind of goal is to be reduced to one point. Now this is the first departure from the ruling of Northern Union pioneers that all goals were to be of equal value. How it will work remains to be seen.

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It seems certain that there will be less reliance on it and more emphasis on sustaining attacks on the line, and, after all, in spite of any doubts we may have had as to what the spectator wants to see, we must take it for granted that he prefers the play that leads to the scoring of tries. An effect which may not be appreciated is the further differentiation in the scoring records with two kinds of goals to register. One is left with the thought that eventually the dropped goal may disappear.

RESULTS IN DETAIL

Wednesday, 14th October.

At Belle Vue.

TRINITY 7- 4- 26

BATLEY 2- 2- 10

Goals: Fox (6), Crook.

Tries: Topliss (2), Fox, Valentine.

Team: Cooper; Batty, Wraith, Fox/McDonagh, Crook; Topliss, Harkin; Jeanes, Hill, Oswald/Barlow, Ramshaw, West, Valentine.

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SALFORD 5- 5- 25

Goals: Fox (2).

Tries: Fox, Slater.

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Referee: E. Clay (Rothwell).

At The Willows.

TRINITY 2- 2- 10

Monday, 26th October.

OLDHAM: 6- 1- 15

Goals: Fox (3).

Tries: Topliss, Slater, Hill.

Team: Wraith; Slater, Hegarty, Fox, McDonagh; Topliss, Harkin; Jeanes, Hill, Kelley/West, Valentine, Oswald, Hawley.

Referee: P. Geraghty (York).

At Watersheddings.

TRINITY 3- 3- 15.

ACROSS THE PENNINES

Since our last game at Belle Vue a month ago, we have made three journeys over the Pennines into Lancashire, with results of a defeat, a draw and a postponement (at Wigan).

Defeat at Salford formed our first reversal away from home this season. It was a disappointing result for us for, just as last season, we had shown signs during the game that we were capable of taking maximum league points from the Willows.

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Hopes of returning to winning ways with a return into Lancashire to Oldham were dashed by the remarkable goal-kicking consistency (especially under the weather conditions) of the home centre, Garrett, whose five penalty goals and a conversion made a draw despite our ability to score three tries to one.

Our third excursion into Lancashire was equally disappointing—perhaps in some ways even more so—especially for those keen followers of our side who made the trip only to find the game postponed shortly before the scheduled kick-off time.

Our arrival at Central Park was greeted by the news that the game was in some doubt due to weather and ground conditions — which greatly surprised our team and officials who had experienced what they felt were equal if not worse rain-swept conditions the previous Monday at Watersheddings. After inspecting the ground we declared that we considered it fit for play; Wigan did not agree and so the referee was brought in to make his decision. With several inches of water along one side of the ground, and the rain still pouring down, his opinion was the same as Wigan's . . . and the match was postponed

To those supporters of Trinity who were at Wigan, may we here state how sorry we all were for their wasted journey. Our officials did all in their power to get the game played, but once the referee had been called to give his decision, that had to be accepted, disappointing though it was.

SIGNED

Since our last programme we have signed PETER BELL, off-half,

formerly with Featherstone R. and Doncaster, and more recently with Bentley in the Doncaster Amateur League.

Also, after considerable search for additional wing strength, we have signed DAVID BARENDS, winger, from South Africa. At the time of penning these notes we had not heard when this player was expected to arrive in this country, but we were anticipating him within the next week or so. In our next programme we should be able to give a full account of him.

PLAYERS' RECORDS

GEOFF. WRAITH reached his century of appearances for the club at Oldham a fortnight ago.

DAVID JEANES reached the 100th appearance mark against Batley —our last home match.

NEIL FOX'S three goals at Oldham brought his total for Trinity to 1,501.

Answers to Quiz:

(1) Four. Two attackers (one playing the ball, and one receiving), and two defenders (one marking and one directly behind the marker), i.e. two acting half-backs.

(2) Any distance.

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14 days free Convalescent Home Treatment plus fares and a cash grant of £4.00 Where costs are borne by other organisations, a cash grant of £8.00 will be allowed.

£4.00 Maternity Grant for each child born.

£6.6.0d (£6.30) per treatment year for Private Specialist Consultation.

£10.00 per treatment year for Approved Surgical Appliances.

£3.00 towards cost of new upper or lower Dentures.

£6.00 towards cost of both in any one treatment year.

£3.00 towards cost of Glasses (new).

£3.00 per week for 20 weeks towards Home Help Service.

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